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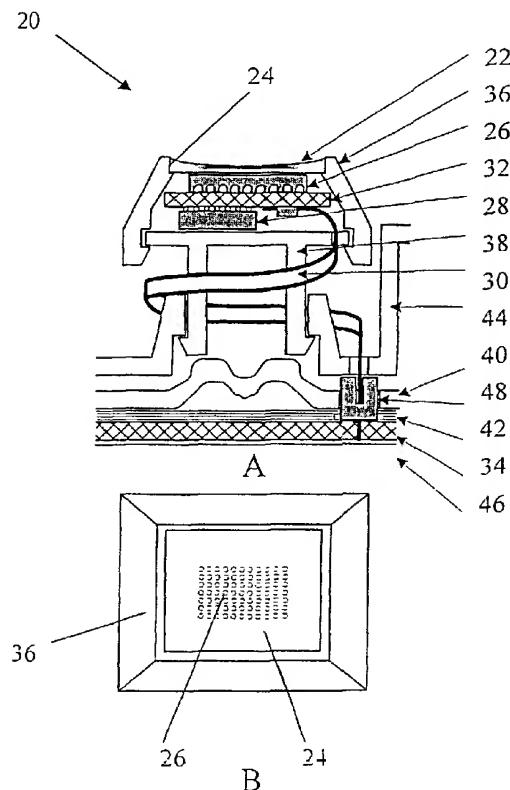
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(54) Title: UNIVERSAL MULTIFUNCTIONAL KEY FOR INPUT/OUTPUT DEVICES



(57) Abstract: The present invention, as shown in Figure 2, provides multifunctional key (20) adapted to be used in input and output devices. The multifunctional key comprises a touch surface (22) and a display means (32) adjacent to the touch surface wherein the display means is adapted to changeably display signs. Keying in the multifunctional key generates an electronic signal corresponding to the sign currently displayed on the touch surface. The display means is preferably made of LED matrix.

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